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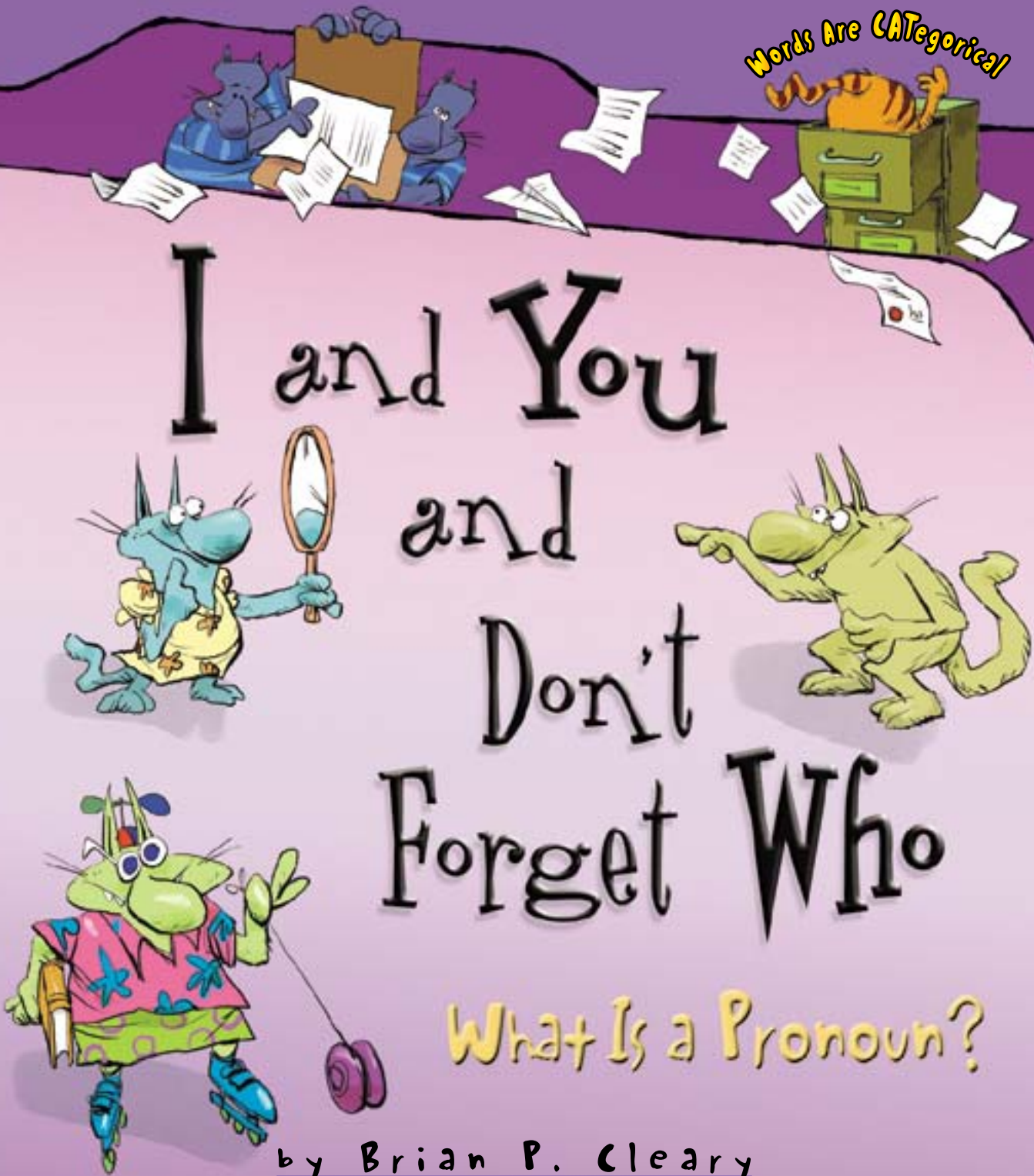
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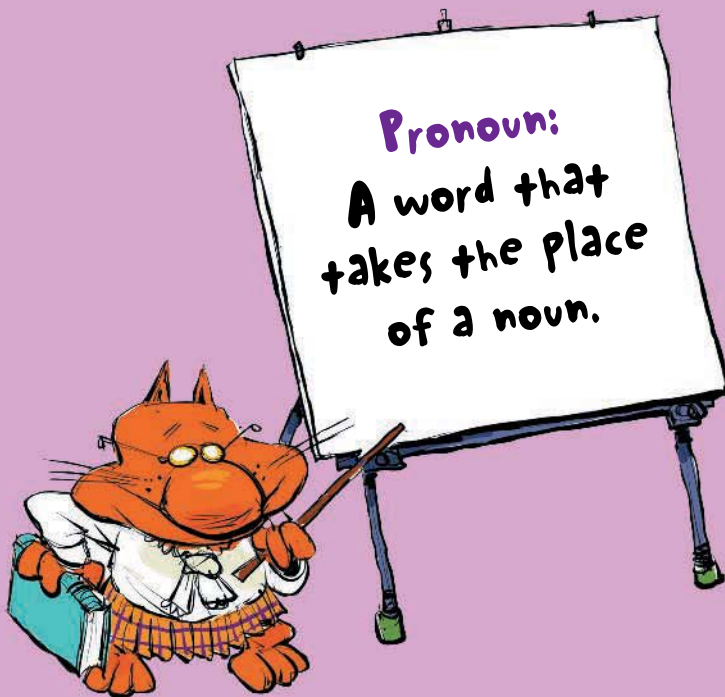


What Is a Pronoun?



To my sister Maggie, who is
very much a word person.
—B.P.C.

To Wendy
—B.G.



NOTE: Some of the pronouns in this book are not printed in color. As each kind of pronoun is discussed, **color type** highlights only the corresponding pronouns. Can you find all of the pronouns?



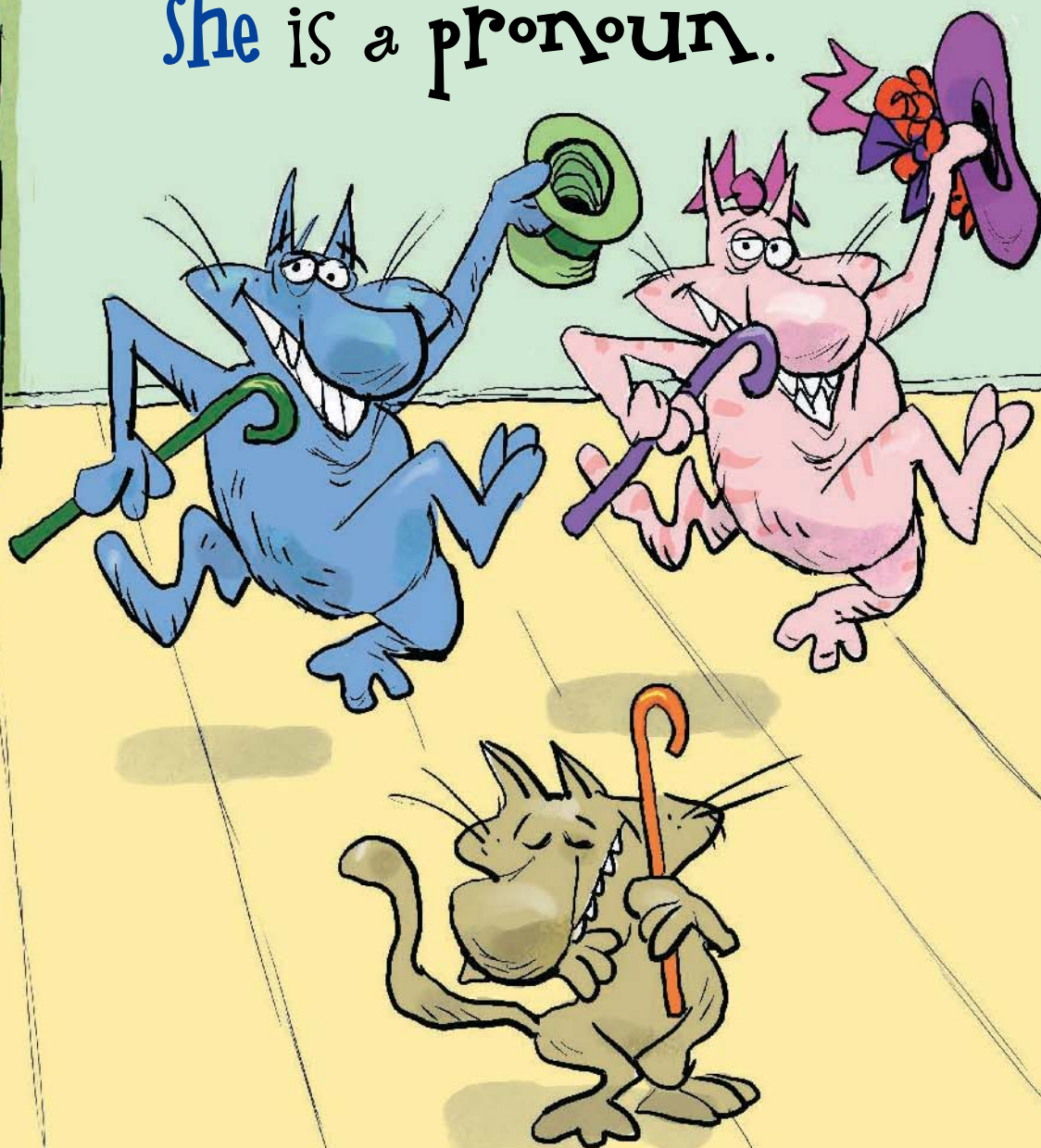
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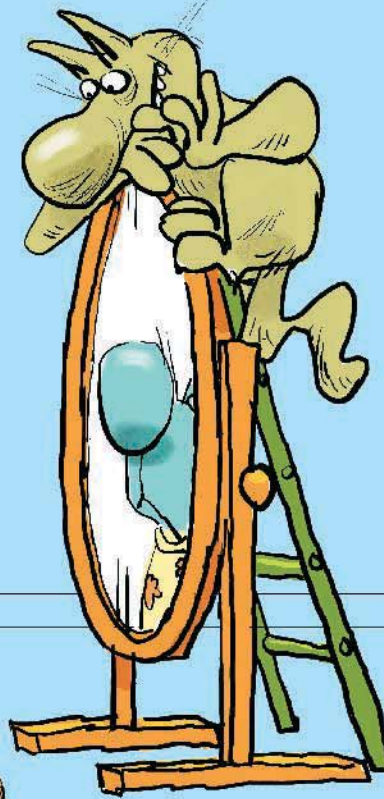
He is a pronoun.
She is a pronoun.



Even lil' ol' **me** is a pronoun.

So is I.

So is you,



whom

and

they

and

we

and

who.



Just like a substitute
teaches your class,



When **she's** asked to fill in
for your teacher,

a pronoun steps in as
a sub for a noun,



becoming the star of the feature.





Pronouns can save us
a boatload of words
and help to avoid repetition.

They stand in for "Venice,"

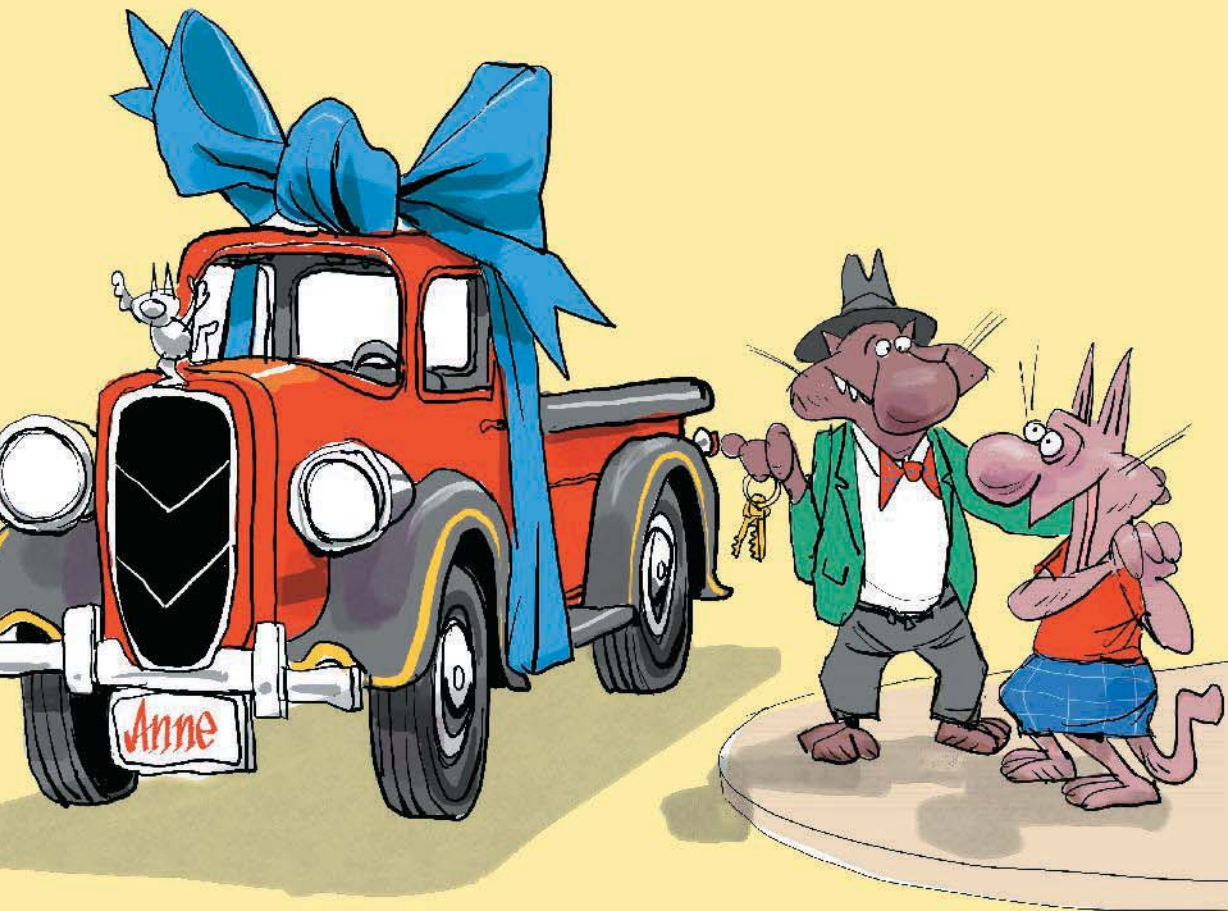
"Marie,"

or "Spaghetti."



because **that's**
their specified mission.

Without **them** **we'd** say,
"Anne's father surprised Anne
and bought Anne
a sporty new truck.



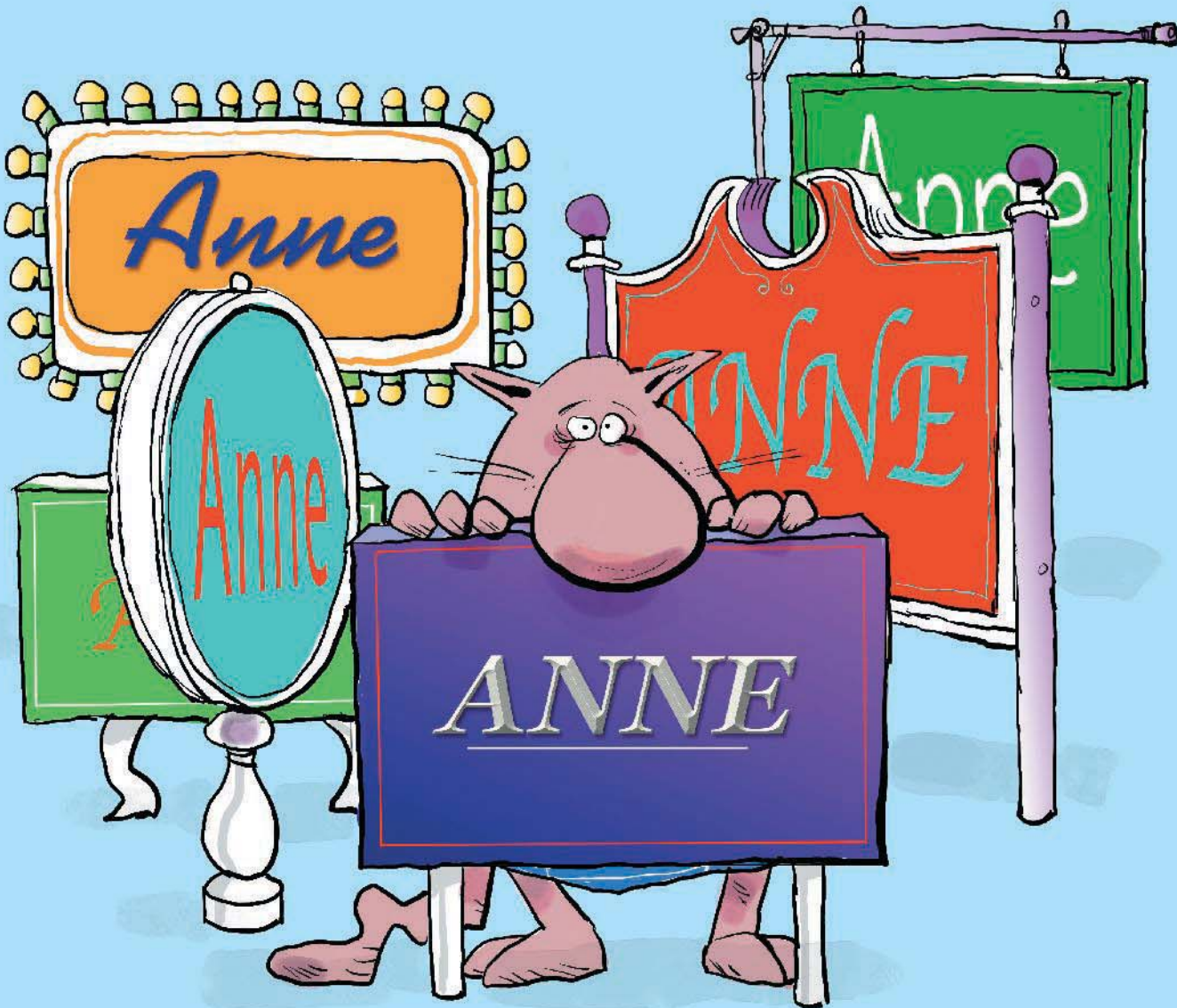
Anne got so excited
that when Anne first saw *it*,



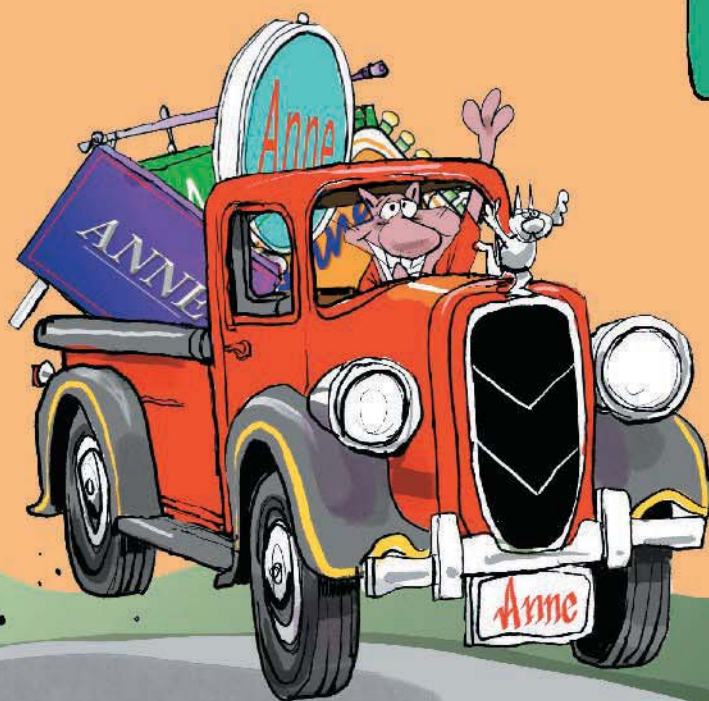
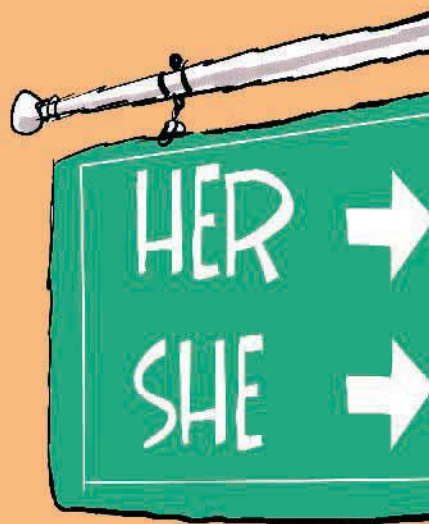
Anne couldn't believe
Anne's good luck."

Now, Anne is a really big
fan of her name,

but even *she'd* have to agree.

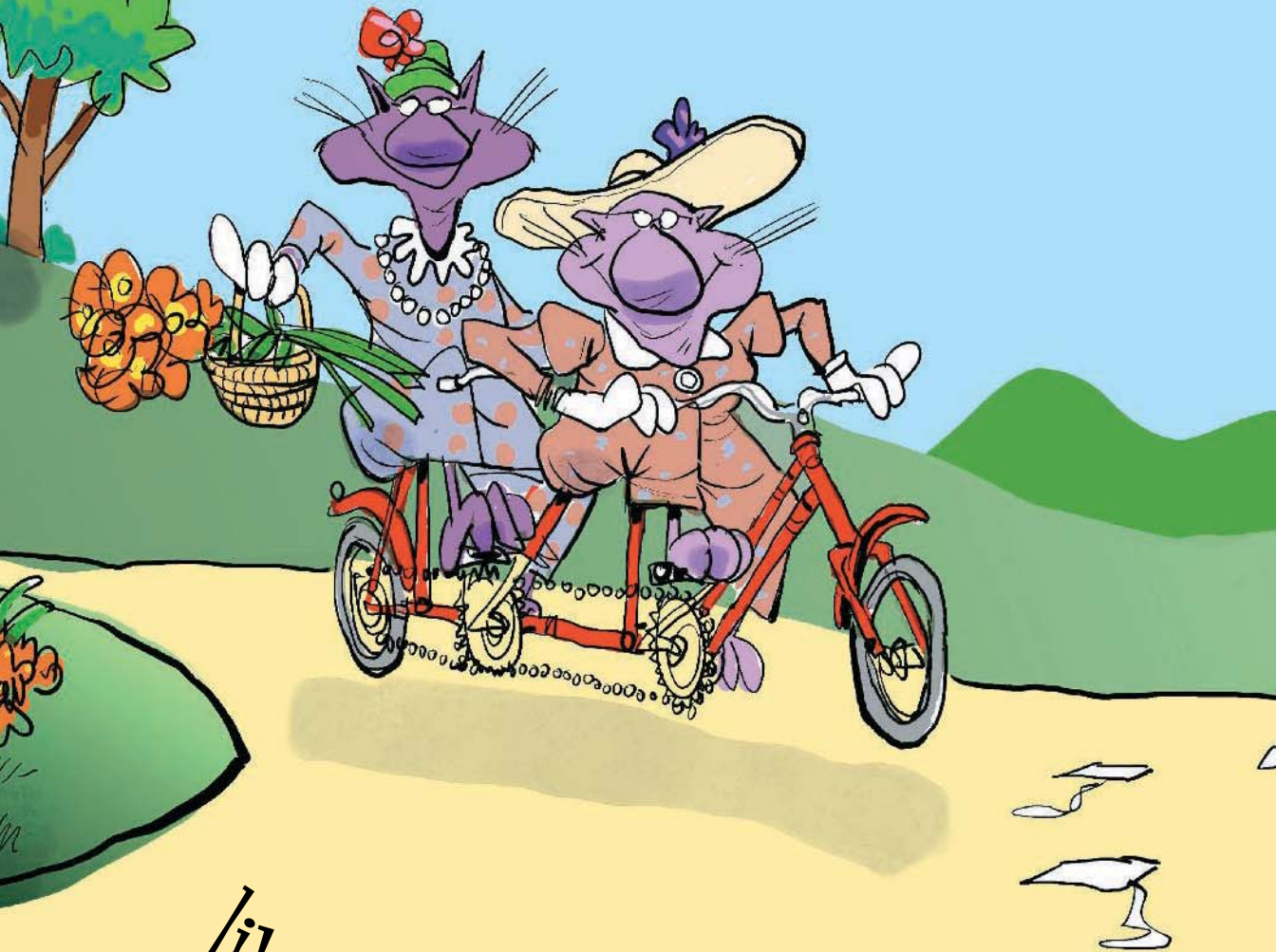


These phrases could
sure use a "**her**"
here and there,



and perhaps an occasional "**she**."

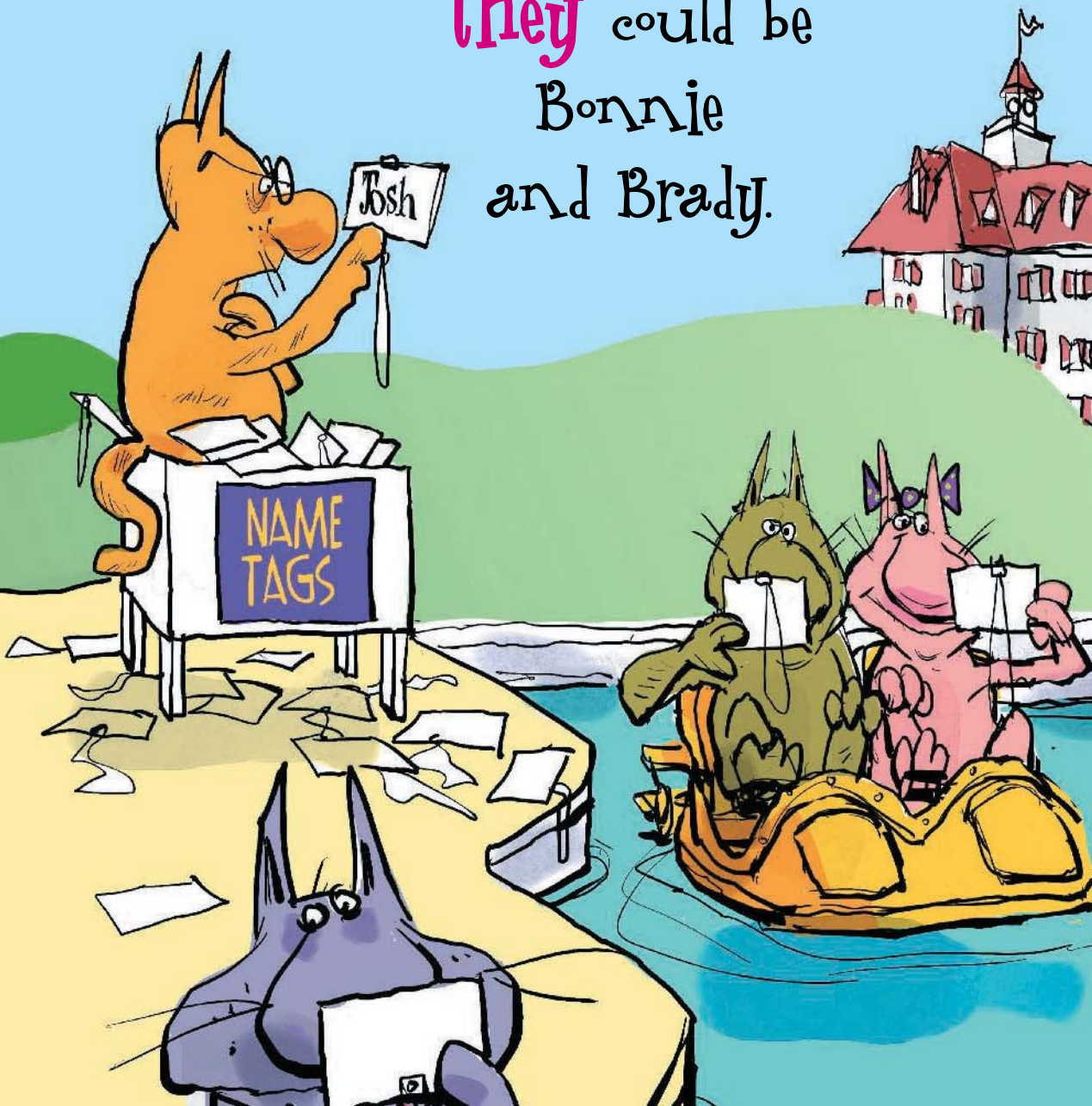
"Personal pronouns"
stand in for a noun,



like Mrs. McKinley or Grady.

He could be Steven,
I might mean Josh,

they could be
Bonnie
and Brady.



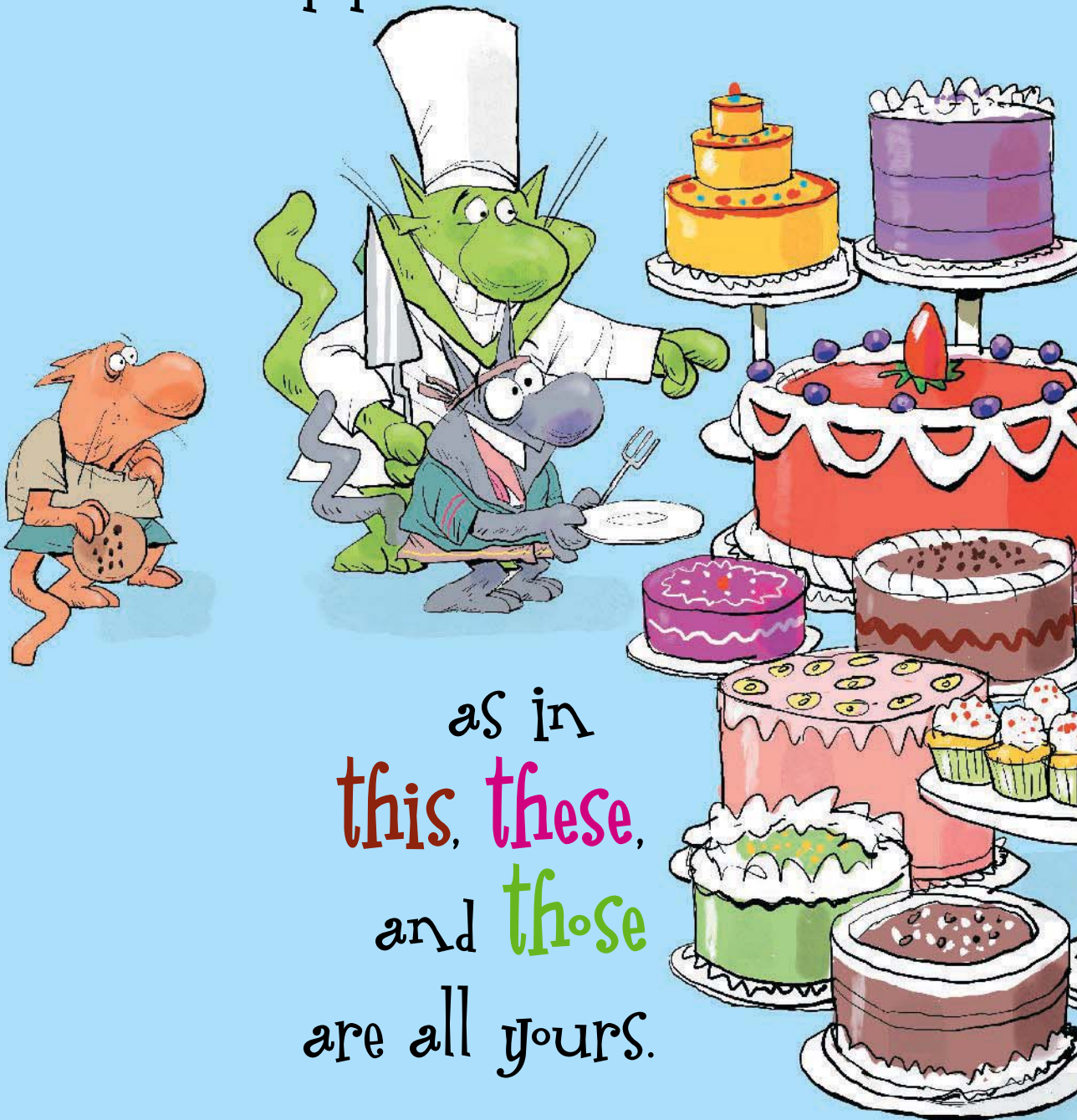
Sometimes
a pronoun
is Very
"possessive."



This cookie
is **mine**,

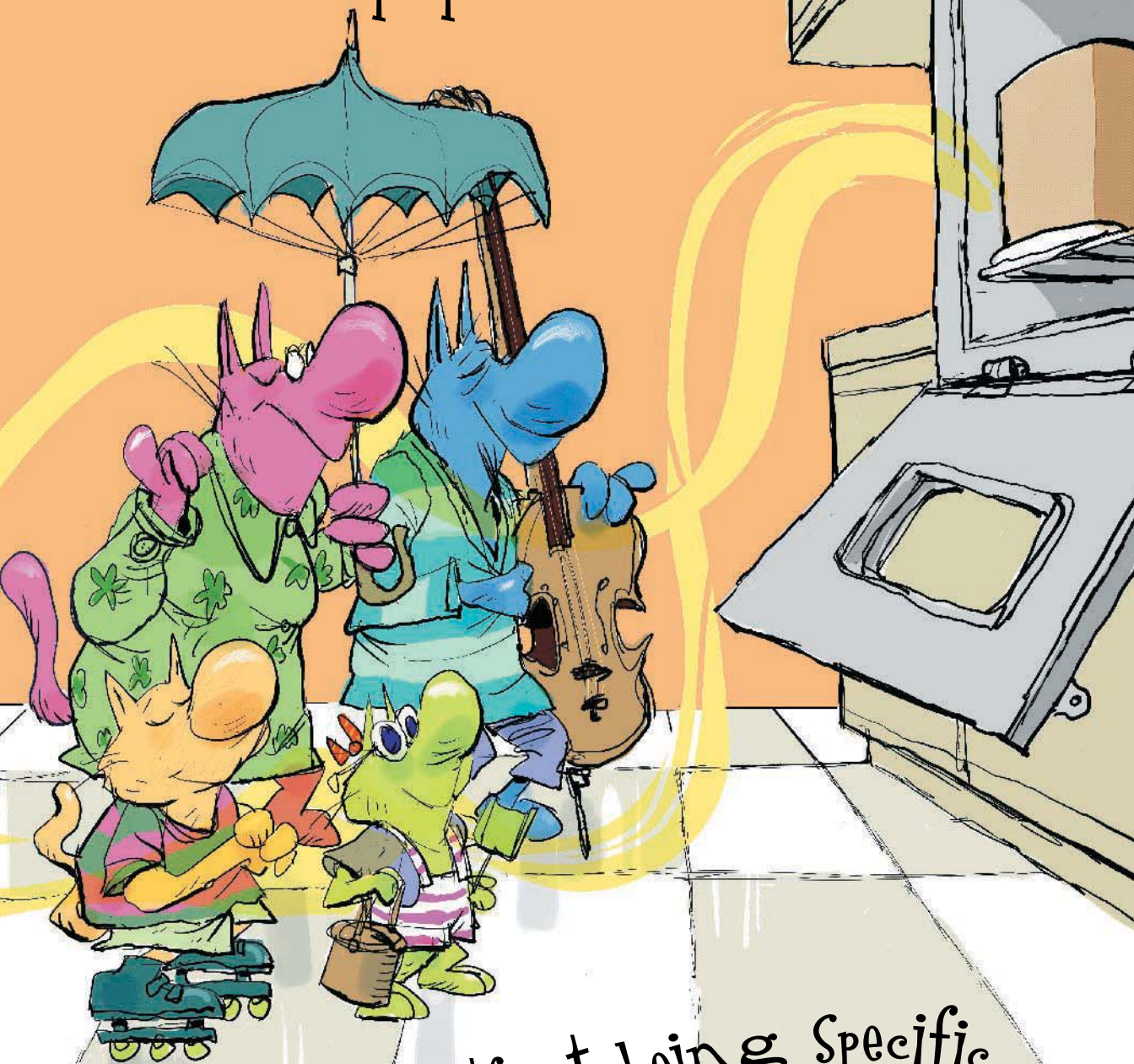
it's not **hers**.

"Demonstrative pronouns"
help point something out,



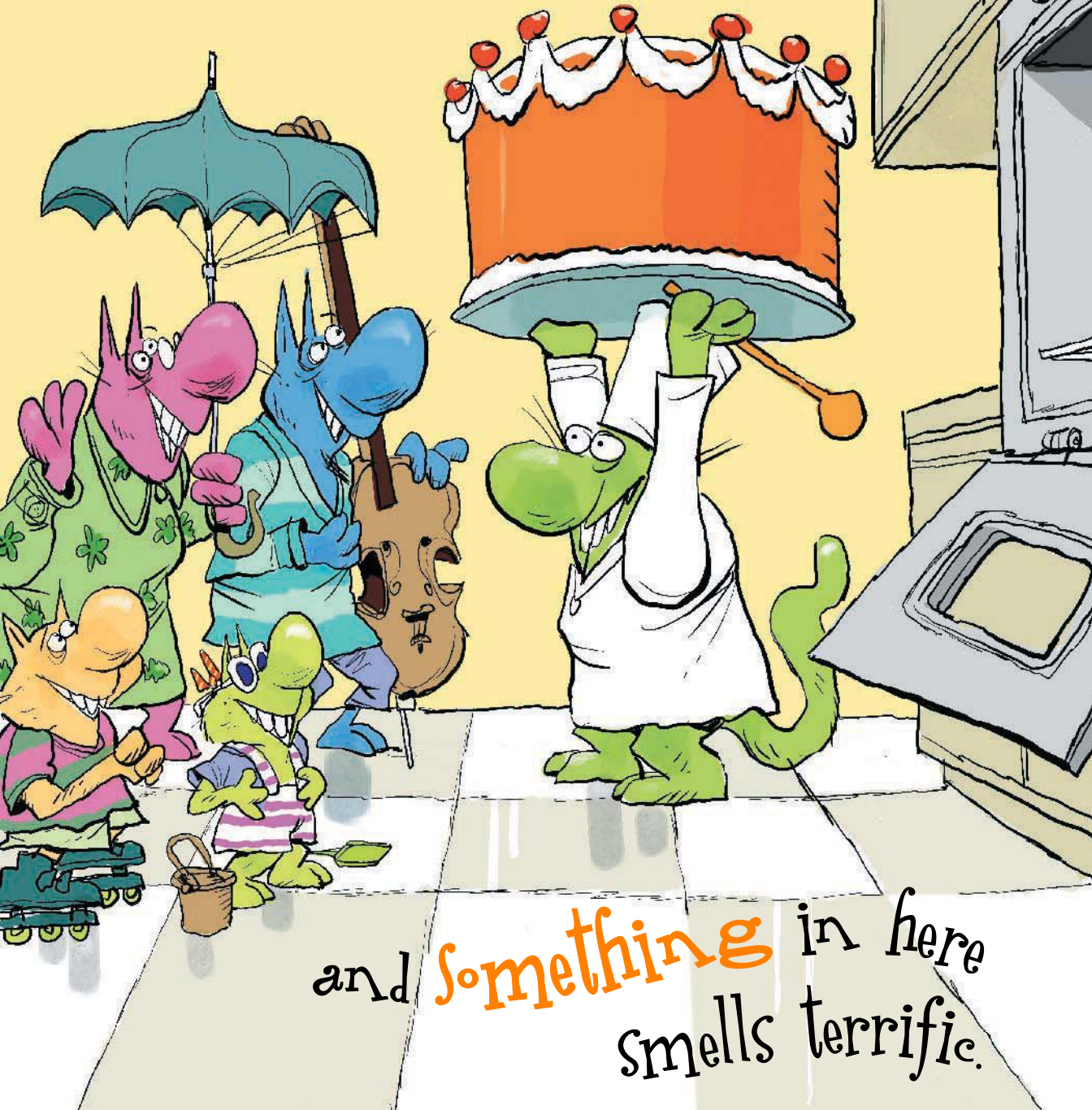
as in
this, **these**,
and **those**
are all yours.

"Indefinite pronouns"
tell about people



and things without being specific,

as in **Someone** around
here is quite a good cook,



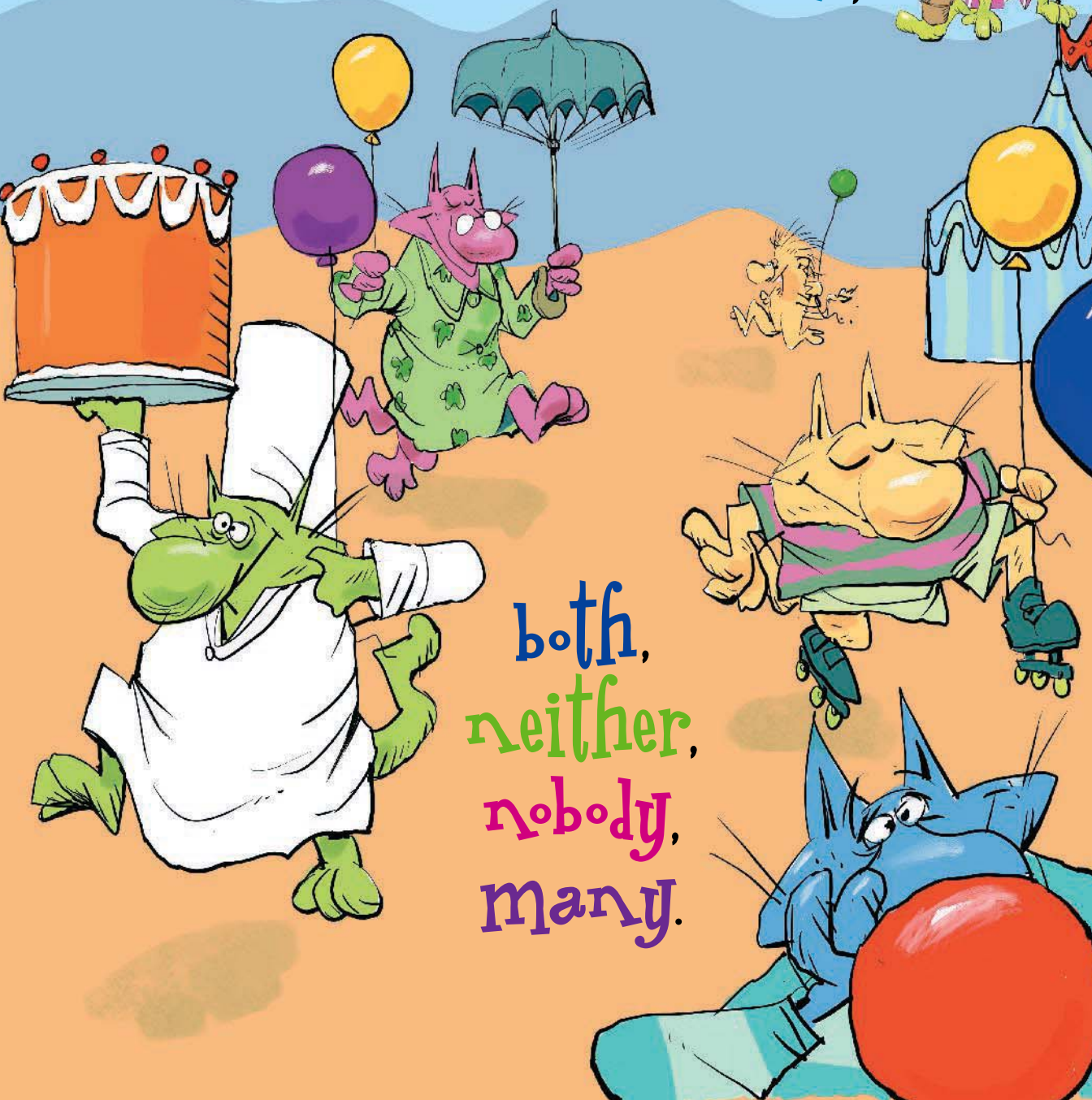
and **Something** in here
smells terrific.

Nothing and all
are indefinite, too.



So are anyone,
no one, or any.

Everyone, none,
several, somebody, some,

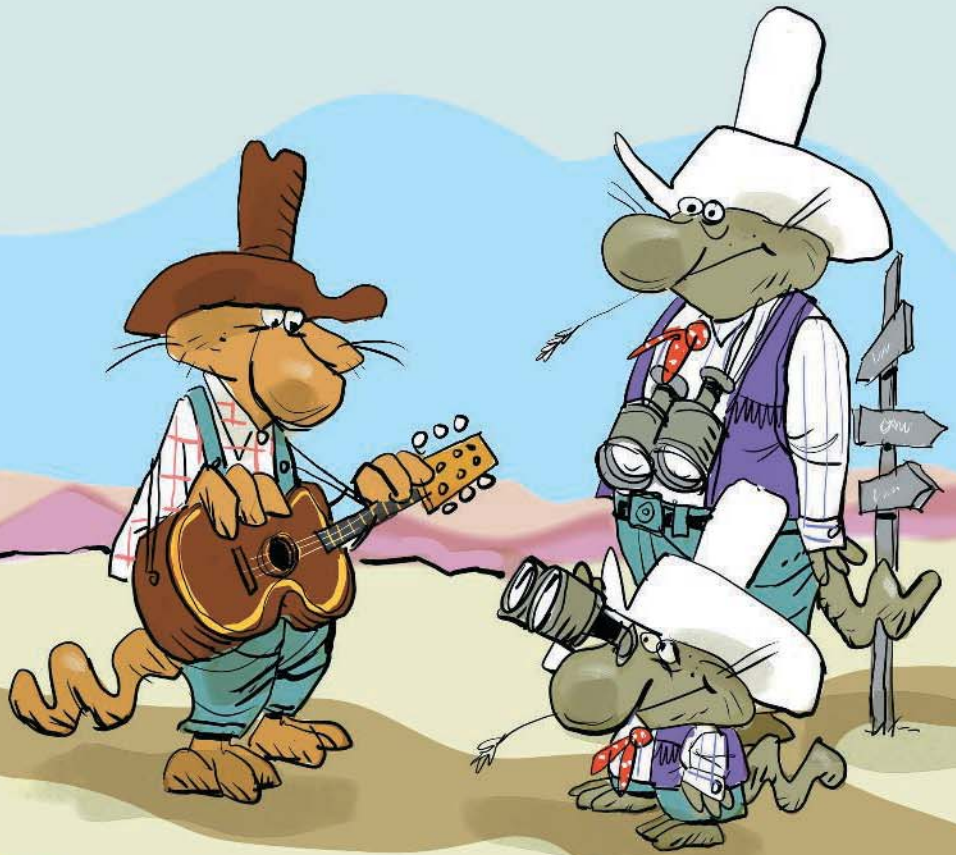


both,
neither,
nobody,
many.

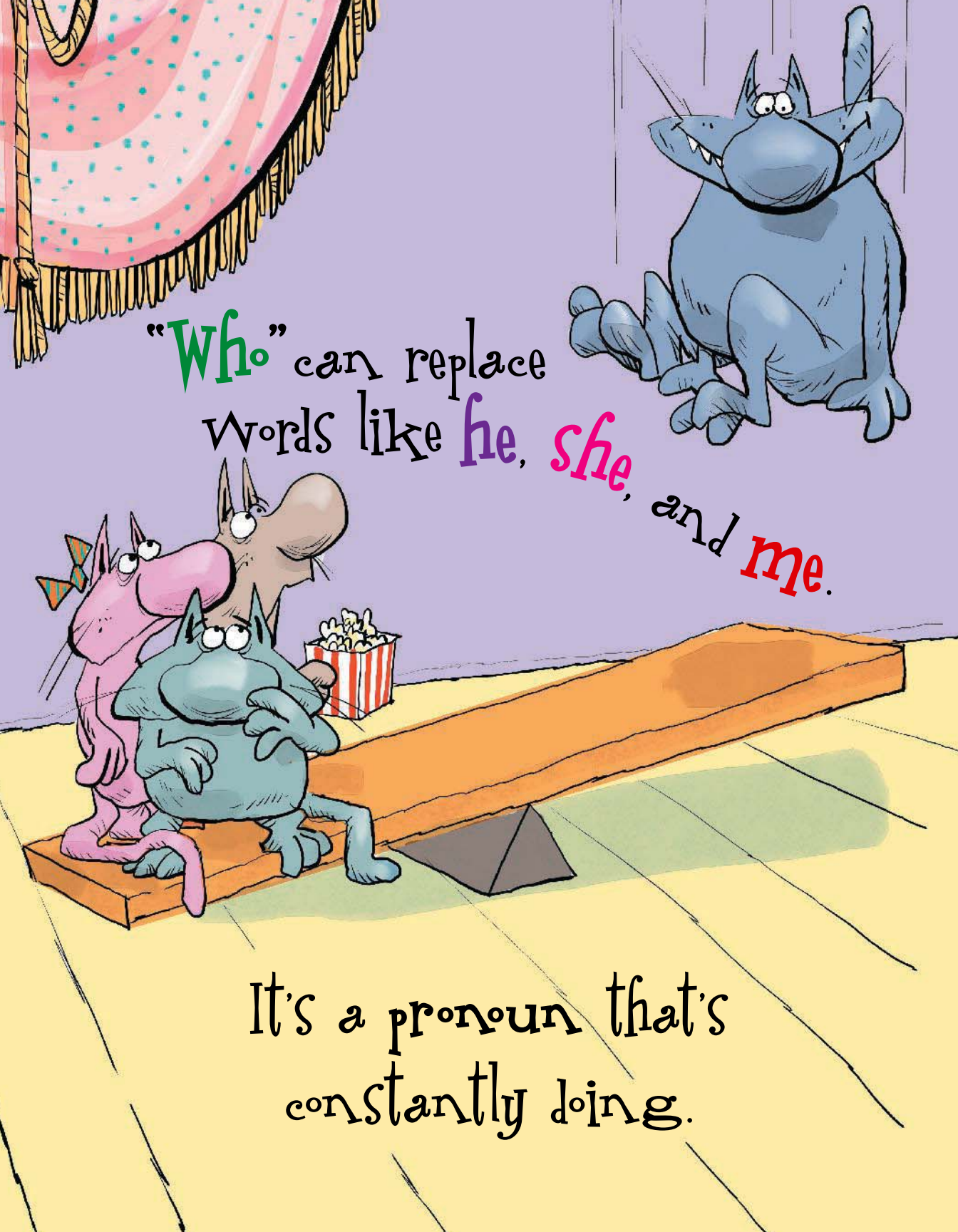
If it helps form a question,
it's called "interrogative"—
a very inquisitive pronoun.



What are you looking at?
Who is your daddy?

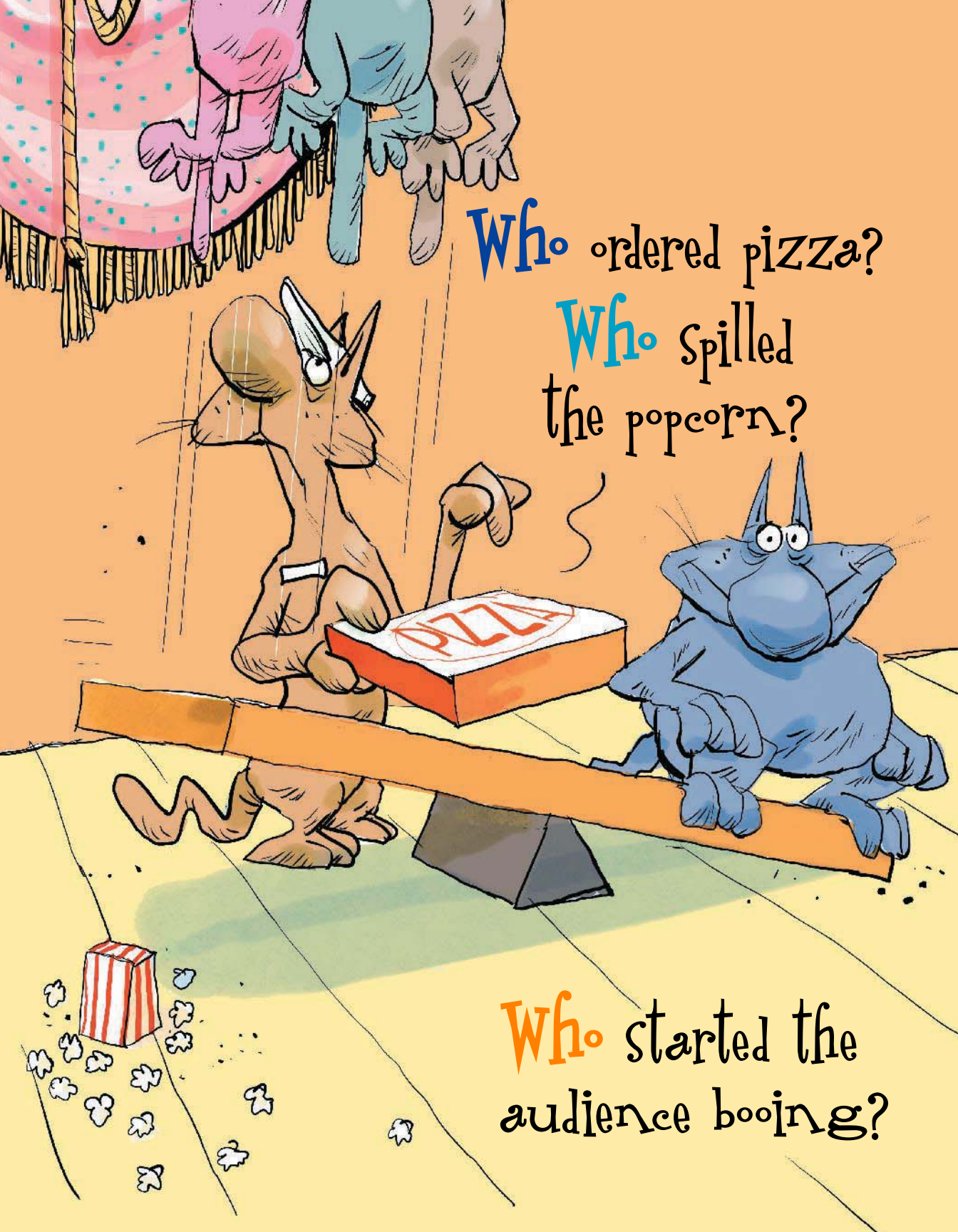


Which road do we take
to the hoedown?



"Who" can replace
words like *he*, *she*, and *me*.

It's a pronoun that's
constantly doing.



Who ordered pizza?

Who spilled
the popcorn?

Who started the
audience booing?

"Whom" takes the place of
them,
him,
and her,



and the action
is being done to it.



With **whom** am I Speaking?

In **whom** can I trust?



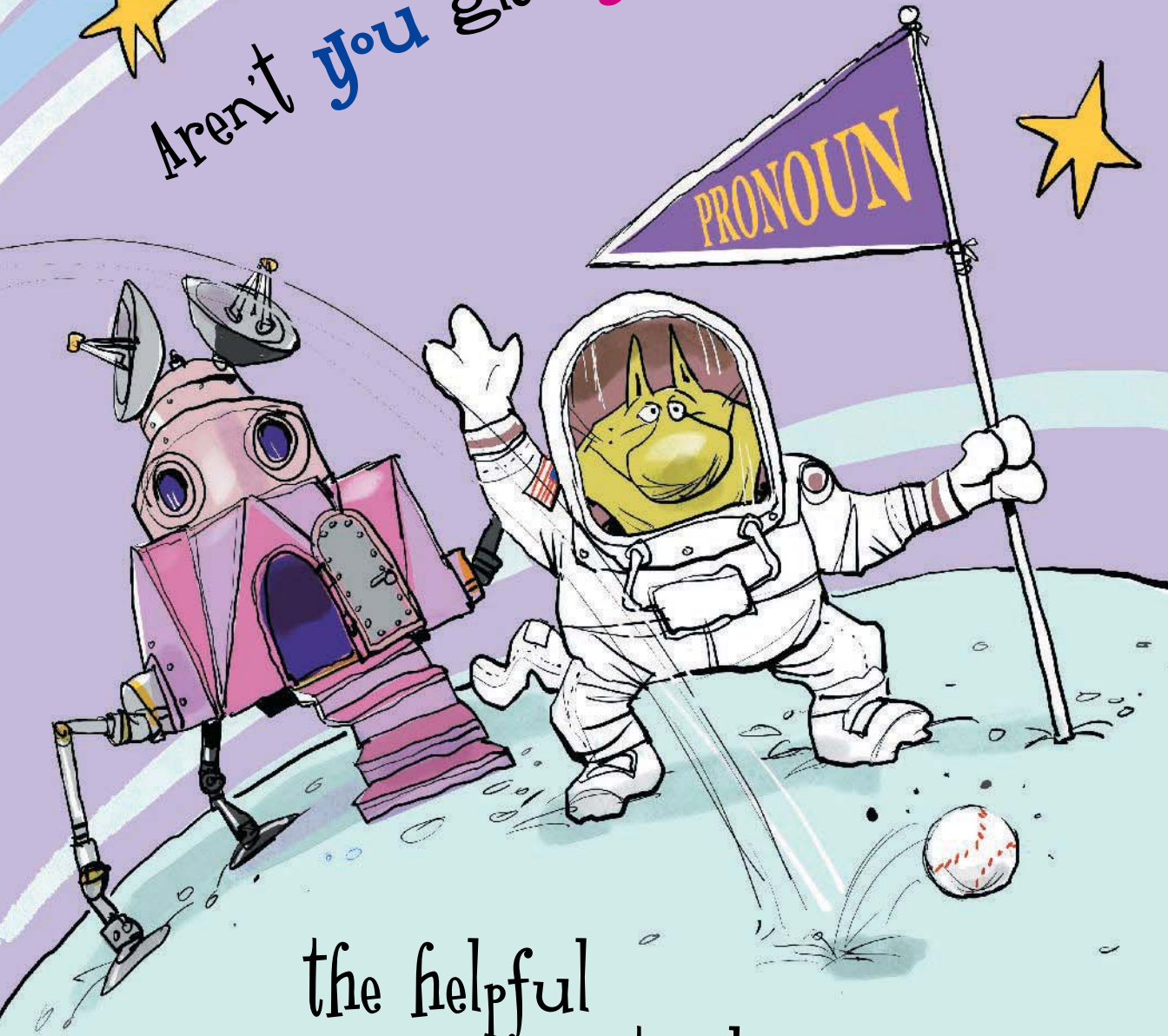
To **whom** would you
like me to glue it?

So like a pinch hitter
Or a good baby-sitter,



the pronoun will say,
"You can go noun!
I've got your job covered."

Aren't **you** glad **you've** discovered



the helpful
and practical pronoun?

So, **what** is a pronoun?





Do **you** know?



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